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TWO KC MEN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Anthony S. Murphy, 33, and **Mark E. Bowman**, 45, both of Kansas City, were charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Murphy** and **Bowman** conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Murphy** distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 2, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Murphy** and **Bowman**, aiding and abetting each other, distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 3, 2004.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Bowman** was in possession of a Davis Industries .380-caliber automatic handgun during the offense alleged in Count Three. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal to carry a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Bowman** was a felon in possession of a firearm. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of any felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Bowman**, who was allegedly in possession of a Davis Industries .380-caliber automatic handgun on Nov. 3, 2004, has a previous felony conviction.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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